

Chauncey's Road to Recovery



Chauncey was starving and near death when he was transferred from Animal Care Services (ACS) to the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) in early March. Upon arrival at the shelter, he was extremely underweight. Every rib was clearly visible,

and his eyes were filled with sadness.

When SAHS Veterinary Technician Lizette Trevino first saw him, she immediately broke into tears and decided to foster him that same day.

"I really wanted to put my experience to the test and help save his life," Trevino said.

It didn't take long for Chauncey to settle in his new foster home. In just a few weeks, he changed from being shy and quiet to an outgoing, kind and loving dog. His foster family watched him get stronger every day. As part of his treatment, he was fed four small meals a day using a slow feeder bowl to prevent him from eating too fast, which could cause complications due to his fragile state.

"With a little extra love and care, pets like Chauncey have a fighting chance," Trevino added. "I don't see sadness when I look at him anymore. I see independence, bravery and just the look of happiness and relief."

When this story went to print, Chauncey was still on his road to recovery, slowly gaining weight while learning new tricks and receiving unconditional love.

This is another example of how your donations can help make a difference and give our pets a second chance at love, and at life.



Chauncey with his favorite person, SAHS Vet Tech Lizette Trevino.



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OUR MISSION

To protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay/neuter programs and community education.

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Check Out Our Paw-gress!

The construction of the Leeu Naylor Medical Building is on track to be completed by mid-August. We estimate that we will begin operating out of this state-of-the-art facility by the end of 2020 and will be able to complete up to 20,000 spay/neuter surgeries at our Fredericksburg Road location within 12 months!

This expansion also includes muchneeded renovations to the SAHS Education Building and Cat Pavilion, so we can provide more Humane Education programming and provide a "fear-free" environment for our kitty residents.



Despite the closure, construction has remained on schedule. Pictured is the inside framing of the Leeu Naylor Medical Building.

We're almost at the finish line — help us reach our goal and save the lives of countless homeless pets by visiting SAhumane.org/Capital.

From Our President/CEO

Hello Friends,

In March, we had to make the difficult decision to close our doors to the public in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Our mission to protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats in San Antonio is dependent on our extensive services and programs; from our low-cost spay/neuter opportunities, wellness clinics, adoptions and Humane Education, we are able to save the lives of thousands of homeless, abused and neglected pets every year. When all of that came screeching to a halt, to say that we were nervous would be a bit of an understatement.

But then, a beautiful thing happened. Our loyal donors and supporters showed up for our animals in a BIG way. Our dedicated foster families took in over 100 of our pets, and animal lovers across San Antonio sent vital supplies and funding to continue providing quality care for the pets remaining at our shelter.

While we are still recovering from the shutdown, your kindness has ensured that our pets are happy and healthy, our lights are on and our mission continues. We cannot thank you enough for supporting us through this unprecedented crisis.

For the pets,

Nancy F. May President/CEO

Working Together During the COVID-19 Crisis

Just like the rest of the world, the SAHS was deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we were forced to close our doors to the public, our commitment to the health and well-being of our pets, employees and community remained our top priority.

During this time, we have witnessed the incredible support of our community like never before. Despite facing new challenges and hardship, our community came together to support our pets here at the SAHS — and for that, we are truly grateful.

As we navigated through this pandemic, our dedicated staff followed CDC guidelines and worked around the clock to ensure our pets remained safe and happy. Every day, they provided medical treatment, food, water, enrichment and loving care to each and every one of our dogs and cats.

Our foster families assisted us when we needed them most. Nearly 70 percent of our pets were placed in temporary foster homes to be cared for during these uncertain times.

The generosity of our community was evident as they continued to donate urgently needed items, such as paper towels, newspapers and containers. We received many donations through our Amazon Wish List (a.co/1xF8qeg) as well.

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Our education team created fun, printable activities for children to enjoy at home, including a crossword puzzle and a drawing sheet. They also launched a "Helping Paws" series to encourage families to share how their pets help further Humane Education themes of compassion, empathy, respect and responsibility.



To keep our community informed, our team hosted Facebook and Instagram Q&A sessions with SAHS Chief Veterinarian Dr. Kristine Hawkins and shared photos and videos of our pets on social media.

As always, we thank you for your support. However, there is still much work to be done. The needs of our pets are greater than ever. Funds are critically needed to help with operating expenses and to support our mission to provide care for our pets in need.

Please consider donating to our SAHS Emergency Fund (SAhumane.org/covid-19) today. Our community is strong, and we will get through this together.



2020 EL REY FIDO CORONATION

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 5 PM - 6 PM SHERATON GUNTER HOTEL 205 E. HOUSTON ST.

SAhumane.org/ERF



SAVE THE DATES FOR TWO OTHER EXCITING EVENTS:

Poochamania

Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 11 AM – 5 PM at the Alzafar Shrine Auditorium

Friends for Life Luncheon

Thursday, October 8, 2020 at the Mays Family Center in the Witte Museum

Visit SAhumane.org for more information!

SAHS event dates may change due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Please visit SAhumane.org for the most up-to-date details.